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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S VISIT TO US

REF: NICOSIA 976 (NOTAL)

1. ACTING PRESIDENT MICHAELIDES CALLED ME TO
PRESIDENCY MORNING OF MAY 22 AND INFORMED ME THAT HE
HAD TALKED TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU FOLLOWING HIS
ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. IT SOON BECAME CLEAR THAT HE
HAD ASKED ME TO CALL IN ORDER TO STRESS IMPORTANCE
GOC ATTACHES TO MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND
PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU.
2. THE ACTING PRESIDENT SAID THAT THEY HAD NOW RECEIVED
CONFIRMATION THAT PRIMINS ECEVIT AND KARAMANLIS WOULD
MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. SINCE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM
WOULD ALMOST INEVITABLY BE ONE OF THE TOPICS FOR
DISCUSSION IT WOULD APPEAR INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE
MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED EXCLUSIVELY WITH TWO PARTIES
WHICH, WHILE HAVING AN INTEREST, OBVIOUSLY WERE NOT
THE MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED.
3. THE ACTING PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE GOC WAS FULLY
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AWARE OF THE VERY HEAVY SCHEDULE BORNE BY PRESIDENT
CARTER AND HE EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE THEY WOULD HOPE
FOR AS LONG A MEETING AS POSSIBLE A VERY BRIEF MEETING
WOULD BE SUFFICIENT IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY "UNPLEASANT
IMPLICATIONS." HE SAID NO MEETING AT ALL WOULD
INEVITABLY BE AN EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE GOC BUT IT
WOULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE FOR US EFFORTS IN SOLVING

THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AS WELL.

4. COMMENT: AS REFTEL HAS ALREADY INDICATED, I
FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT A BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT
IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE IT. REFTEL INDICATED
THAT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU WAS FULLY PREPARED TO FLY
TO WASHINGTON FOR SUCH A MEETING OR MEET WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER IN NEW YORK, WHICHEVER IS MOST CONVENIENT TO
PRESIDENT CARTER. END COMMENT.
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